

## **Robert D. Budens**

### Biography

Robert D. Budens is president of the Patent Office Professional Association (POPA), the Federal labor union representing the more than 8,000 patent examiners and other patent professionals at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in Alexandria, Virginia.

Mr. Budens joined the USPTO as an examiner in the Biotechnology group of the USPTO in July 1990, specializing in immunological methods of detecting and treating HIV infections and AIDS. He has been a Ph.D. Level Primary Examiner since 1994. In 1998, he became a Chemical Delegate of POPA's Executive Committee and has served as president of the Association since January, 2006. As president of POPA, he is also a non-voting member of the USPTO Patent Public Advisory Committee.

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